



May 14, 2008

The Annual meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on May 14, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mark welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the annual meeting. Introductions were made.

Those present were:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator
Amy Johnson – Girls League Coordinator 2008-9

Representatives:

Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Jon Piazza - Armstrong
Greg Erickson - Cooper
Alex Becker – Wayzata (alt)
Tony Cleveland - Orono
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Tim Traff - Blake
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Craig Englund – North Metro

Greg Gibson – President, Wayzata Hockey
Ed Szalapski – President, Blake Hockey

MINUTES –

MOTION: Tim Traff moved to accept the March meeting minutes as presented.
Brad Davis seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREE'S REPORT – John Sparling reporting.

1. Referees annual inner-squad game was very successful and fun. Thank you to the District 3 Board members who participated and attended.
2. A Beltline Referee crew did the final game of the Bantam A State Tournament, the 3rd Place game of the 16 & Under State Tournament and the entire 19 & Under State Tournament.
3. Using the 3 man system for Bantam B's in Spring and Fall Leagues.
4. August 2, 2008, Beltline Referee Golf Outing. Contact John Sparling at least a week in advance if you wish to play. Picnic following golf at the home of John and Kathy Sparling. Everyone invited.
5. Beltline Referee Clinics –
Level 2 & 3 – September 20, 2008 – Plymouth Ice Center
Level 4 – October 5, 2008 – Plymouth Ice Center
Level 1 – October 1, 2008 – Plymouth Ice Center
6. End of Year meeting with District 3 Executive Board.
 - A. Referees are concerned about the condition of some of the nets in some of the D3 Arenas. Associations need to contact Rink Managers to discuss the problem and to get it remedied. Mark Brandt is drafting a letter of expectation to be sent to Rink Managers.

- B. Hour clocks need to be used for all games. If your arena does not have one at this time or they are not functioning correctly, please see that this is fixed before league play next fall.
- C. Next season warm ups will continue to be 5 minutes. However, after 4 minutes a whistle or horn will sound announcing that 1 minute remains. Teams should use this final minute for picking up the pucks, team cheers and final instructions from the coach.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Tim Traff for his service to the District 3 Board.
2. A Director's Award was presented to Greg Erickson for his service to the District 3 Board over several years.
3. MINNESOTA HOCKEY SPRING MEETING REPORT –
 - A. MH is looking into participating in the National Tier II Tournament.
 - B. There will be a change in the Region and State Tournament trophies.
 - C. The number of coaches who will be allowed passes into tournaments will be limited to 4. Too many teams are presenting 5, 6 or more for free passes and Tournament Coordinators feel this is not correct.
 - D. The MH Tournament Committee is looking to align the rules for the Region and State MH Tournaments so that they are all the same. Different rules cause confusion.
 - E. Sled Hockey Tournament at Plymouth Ice Center, October 2008.
 - F. MH has a new Disabled Director, Antonia (Toni) Boelter. She can be reached at tonib@dakcom.org, 651-307-0660.
 - G. MH has voted in a One Site State Tournament Championship Sunday for A teams at the 12U, 14U, Peewee, Bantam and Junior Gold Level. These games will be played at the Xcel Center.
 - H. MH will be hosting a Mite Workshop August 16, 2008, at the Schwann Conference Center.
 - I. MH is again hosting a golf tournament. It will be held at Tanner's Brook Golf Course in Forest Lake on July 18, 2008. District 3 is sponsoring a team and a hole. Contact John Perry or Mark Brandt if you are interested in being on the team.
 - J. The IRS appears to be focusing on sports organizations. Make sure that your association is following all the correct guidelines.
 - K. Tony Cleveland asked if the MH Budget was on the MH website or if it was available electronically? John Perry stated that he thought it was available on the website.
 - L. There was a residency rule presentation. Details of it can be found on the MH website in the minutes from the meeting.
 - M. St. Cloud group made a presentation to split the existing St. Cloud Hockey Association into 2 hockey associations.
 - N. The Blake Hockey Association affiliate was discussed. The final vote stated that their present affiliate will terminate August 31, 2010.
 - O. There was a lot of discussion on private schools.
4. John Perry announced the following appointments for the 2008-2009 season:

ACE Coordinator	Gene Ferrel
C League Coordinator	Lynn Brandt – Joe Favorite – asst.
Girls League Coordinator	Amy Johnson
Coach in Chief	Marc Sorensen
Grievance Committee Chair.	Ron Warren
Metro League Liaisons	Casey Whelan & John Anderson
Registrar	Lynn Brandt – Kelly Bonner
S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator	Sandie Sullivan

Tournament Coordinator Scott Dornfeld

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Congratulations to the Blake Bantam B Hockey team for winning the Bantam B State Tournament.
2. Associations need to be planning for next year at this time.
3. D3 has a low number of A teams. We need to explore avenue’s for gaining more A level teams into our District.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The District 3 end of year banquet was held at Gastof’s with about 35 people attending. Everyone had a good time.
2. District 3 will be getting a new website address for next season. As soon as it is available the information will be send out.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

MOTION: Tim Traff moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

 Alex Becker seconded.

 The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS –

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Appointing an out door ice coordinator for the out door rink located next to the Pavilion.
2. Hopkins has a new site for charitable gambling.

BLAKE – Tim Traff reporting.

1. Tim is retiring as the Blake representative and stated that he has enjoyed representing Blake.
2. Tim stated that winning the Bantam B State Tournament was very special for the players and parents.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko reporting.

1. St. Louis Park would like to play all their league games at all levels in District 3 rather than District 1 and they are working toward this goal.
2. The association was approached to open a second gambling site but turned the offer down.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

1. Orono is losing players to private school teams.
2. May not be able to field a Bantam A team next year.
3. Looking into charitable gambling.

WAYZATA – Alex Becker reporting.

1. Mike Tabery was ill tonight and unable to attend the meeting. He sends his best wishes and thanked everyone for his time on the Board.
2. District 3 welcomed Alex to the Board where he will become the official representative June 1.

COOPER – Greg Erickson reporting.

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OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Construction on the second sheet of ice at Maple Grove has started.
2. The traveling teams for next year will no longer be separated into 2 groups. They will now all be Osseo/Maple Grove. This is a one year trial.

NORTH METRO – Craig Englund reporting.

1. Craig is the new representative from North Metro Hockey Association and is happy to be working with District 3. Eric Ruikka is the new President.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen, Amy Johnson reporting.

1. Kathy Fallen introduced Amy Johnson who is the new Girls League Coordinator. The Board thanked Kathy for her years of service.
2. Amy Johnson had a preliminary listing of the girl's teams for next season.
 - A. Wayzata hopes to add a 19 U B team.
 - B. Orono and Hopkins may both be adding teams.
 - C. Not sure where the blended teams of Cooper/Armstrong/St. Louis Park are headed. They are doing some reevaluation.
 - D. May be losing some 10 U teams.
 - E. There has been a little discussion on 12 U B1's and B2's.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Please submit the name of association tournament coordinators to Scott.
2. Please email a list of the invitational tournaments the associations plan to host.

ACE COORDINATOR – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Attended an end of season meeting in St. Cloud on April 12, with ACE Coordinators from around the state.
 - A. What worked, what didn't work.
 - B. Distribution of materials will be different next season. ACE Coordinators will be delivering the materials.
 - C. ACE Coordinators are now planning for next year.
 - D. Looking to improve involvement.
2. A Mite/8U Workshop will be held in August. ACE Coordinators will be attending.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. A meeting was held in March with Carol Carlson and the D3 registrars.

S.K.A.T.E. – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. Not sure where the program is headed. At this time things are unchanged. If anyone has an interest in hosting a SKATE Program for their association, just contact Sandie.

NEW BUSINESS –

ELECTION –

PRESIDENT –

Nominations:

Mark Brandt

MOTION: John Sparling moved to close the nominations.

Tim Traff seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Tony Cleveland moved for a White Ballot.

Greg Erickson seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Brandt was elected President of District 3 for a 2 year term.

ADMINISTRATOR’S CONTRACT RENEWAL –

1. Diane Margenau’s Administrator’s contract was renewed for one year with a \$1,000.00 increase.

PEEWEE A STATE TOURNAMENT –

Wayzata Hockey Association and Armstrong Hockey Association each made a presentation requesting to host the Pee wee A State Tournament.

A ballot vote decided that Armstrong Hockey Association will host the 2009 Pee wee A State Tournament.

MOTION: Tony Cleveland moved to have the ballots destroyed.

Jon Piazza seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

14 A NATIONAL & 14 B NATIONAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT –

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to have Wayzata host the 14 A & 14 B National Regional Tournaments.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: John Sparling moved to adjourn the meeting.

Alex Becker seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note that these minutes are unapproved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.

